

CHRISTMAS IS GAYLY CELEBRATED

AMERICAN IN
SURRENDER OF
NISH, SERBIA

New York Youth Turned
Serbs' Capital Over to
Invading Bulgars.

WAS STRICKEN BLIND

Under Terrific Strain of Suf-
fering and Overwork His
Eyesight Is Lost.

New York, Dec. 25.—It was an Amer-
ican who surrendered the city of Nish,
Serbia, to the invading Bulgarian army
after the Serbian forces had retreated,
according to a story told today by
Douglas M. Dold of this city, who has
just returned to his home after spend-
ing several months in Serbia. Dold and
his brother, Elbert W. Dold, sons of
an alienist, but here in June as mem-
bers of an automobile squad attached to
a relief expedition sent out to aid the
Serbians, Douglas M. Dold, who was in
charge of the squad, was stricken
blind as a result of the hardships, over-
work and privations he endured there
and it was on this account that he
and his brother returned.

Serb Regiment Mutinies.

Douglas M. Dold said that when it
was released that Nish would be cap-
tured, a Serbian regiment, the 26th
Pulak, mutinied, killing their colonel,
and looted the house. Douglas at-
tempted to protect the hospital stores
under his charge but was knocked
down and beaten by the soldiers, who
he said, wanted the stores of alcohol
and quinine which were used for the
sick and wounded and took 2,400 pairs
of shoes which were among the sup-
plies.

After this regiment left the city the
people appealed to the bishop of Nish
to induce Douglas to surrender to the
Bulgarians and asked for protec-
tion.

Surrenders City.

When the Bulgarians entered the
city, Dold, the bishop and a throng of
young women bearing garlands of
flowers went out to meet them. A white
flag was raised and an officer com-
manding the Bulgarians rode forward.
The bishop introduced Dold as an
American. "I showed my passport,"
said Dold and asked for protection of
the city and people and for the hospi-
tal stores.

"After I got through he bowed re-
spectfully and then he behaved them-
selves splendidly while in the city. A
guard was sent to protect the hospital
stores and there was no disorder un-
til the Germans began to arrive and
then pandemonium broke loose. Their
conduct was worse than that of the
Serbian mutineers. Loot and destruc-
tion were on all sides.

Offered Women Riches and Stores.

"When the exodus from Nish began
the agricultural society turned over to
me its belongings and Sir Ralph Paget
placed in my care the entire relief sup-
plies. Men tried to give me outright
their hotels and places of business,
and frantic women implored me to
marry them in order to protect them
from the invaders through my pas-
port. It was then that I was suddenly
stricken blind. Of course I was then
useless and in the way."

PROCLAMATION IS
ISSUED BY DUNNE

Governor Urges Charitably Inclined
People of State to Go to Aid
of Poland.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 25.—A pro-
clamation to charitably disposed people
of the state to contribute to the Red
Cross fund for the relief of the desti-
tute and suffering people of Poland
was issued today by Governor E. F.
Dunne.

The proclamation depicts the condi-
tion of the people of Poland and re-
minds the people of the state that the
Poles and a Kosciuszko risked their
lives in the Revolutionary war in an
endeavor to bring about the independ-
ence of America. He also states that
millions of brave men and women
have contributed materially in the
building of this nation.

"Let the cry of Poland in her
 agony fall upon willing ears," the
 proclamation states, "and receive a re-
 sponse from generous American hands."
 "I respectfully call upon the people
 of the state on Jan. 1, 1916, to con-
 tribute generously to the relief of the
 Polish people."

The subscriptions, according to the
 proclamation, should be sent to the
 Red Cross society for use in Poland.



—THE CURFEW MUST NOT RING TODAY—

URGE INCREASE
IN THE ACREAGE
OF SUGAR BEETS

Prussian Ministry Appeals
to Farmers to Enlarge
Production of Food.

Berlin, (via London, Dec. 25, 5:30 a.
m.)—The Prussian ministry of agri-
culture has issued an appeal to farm-
ers to increase their acreage of sugar
beets. The appeal says that a year ago
farmers were urged to restrict the beet
area and plant more grain because it
seemed uncertain whether Germany
would have a sufficient supply of grain
and because foreign sugar markets
were closed to Germany. Now, how-
ever, this situation is wholly changed.
It has been proved, the ministry states,
that Germany is able by economic
methods and with some foreign assist-
ance to meet her own requirements
for grain, whereas the large increase
in sugar consumption has been a fea-
ture of the past 12 months, the people
eating more sugar as a substitute for
fat. Much sugar has been used for
making preserved fruits, much has
been sent to the front to soldiers and
large quantities have been fed to live-
stock. This year's sugar crop also
yielded indifferently, owing to the re-
markable drought, and although the
same cause reduced the grain yield, it
is now proved beyond doubt that no
grain shortage is to be feared.

Other reasons suggest that the nec-
essity for increasing the beet crop,
the ministry says. The molasses from
the sugar mills has proved the most
valuable horse feed at the front and
is becoming the chief article of feed.
Furthermore, factories are springing
up which will use molasses as a basis
for producing a newly invented feed
yeast for animals. This is another cir-
cumstance that the ministry reckons
will further increase the demand for
sugar molasses.

A larger sowing is necessary, con-
tinues the appeal, because the scarcity
of nitrogenous commercial fertilizers
renders the extension of the crop nec-
essary in order to get even the same
harvest as previously. An inadequate
force of laborers and plowhorses for
the autumn plowing also is used as an
argument for enlarging the beet
planting.

GREEK SHIP FIRED
ON BY SUBMARINE

New York, Dec. 25.—The Greek
steamer Ioannina arrived today from
Piraeus and reported having been fired
on by a submarine when about sixty
miles off Kalamata, Greece. Captain
Hajapais said the submarine pursued
the steamer for some distance before
firing a shell which fell 50 yards off
the starboard side of the steamer.
The Ioannina then stopped and the
submarine passed close to the steamer,
but submerged after seeing the Greek
flag on the vessel. Captain Hajapais
said he was not able to tell whether
the submarine was Austrian or Ger-
man.

Death Due to
AutoDisease
Says Doctor

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Eugene M. Bum-
phrey, a lawyer, is dead at his home
here today of what physicians term
"petromortis," or automobile gas poi-
soning. According to physicians, it is
the first fatal case in Chicago from
that cause.

An idea of the violence with which
"petromortis" attacks its victims was
given today by Dr. John D. Ellis, head
of the department of occupational dis-
eases of Rush Medical college.
"The thing is new to science in
some of its aspects," said Dr. Ellis.
"Persons who are subject to vertigo
may be attacked when in a close, small
garage. The danger lies in a failure
of certain elements in the gasoline to
oxidize. In any event there is a quick
suffocation of a violent gas that renders
the victim faint. Thus if the exhaust
of an automobile continues, the re-
sult is almost instant death."

"The postmortem revealed brain
and lung congestion."
Bumphrey went to his garage last
night to get his automobile in which
he intended to deliver a number of
Christmas gifts to poor families. An
hour later his body was found on the
floor of the garage, the engine of the
automobile running and the small
room filled with gas fumes.

KELLY CASE TO
SUPREME COURT

Millionaire Contractor Charged With
Frauding Canada to Be Tried
in Higher Tribunal.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The fight
against extradition to Canada by
Thomas Kelly, millionaire contractor,
wanted at Winnipeg, Man., to answer
to an indictment growing out of the
construction of the parliament build-
ing at Winnipeg, was taken today to
the supreme court.

Kelly's attorney filed an appeal from
the decision of Judge Landis in the
federal district court at Chicago refus-
ing to release Kelly from custody of the
United States marshal on habeas
corpus proceedings. Kelly was about
to be extradited. His attorneys claim
that the offenses charged—that of ob-
taining \$1,250,000 by perjury as to ex-
tra work done and unlawfully receiv-
ing embezzled securities—are not ex-
traditable offenses and that the evi-
dence on which the extradition order
was based by the United States com-
missioner before whom Kelly was tak-
en was incompetent.

Banks Show Decrease.

New York, Dec. 25.—The statement
of the banks and trust companies for
the week (five days) shows that they
hold \$147,987,440 reserve in excess of
legal requirements. This is a decrease
of \$12,965,860 from last week.

ENGLISH FOLKS
OBSERVE SECOND
WAR CHRISTMAS

London, Dec. 25. (12:04 p. m.)—The
celebration of England's second Christ-
mas of the war is being devoted main-
ly to the soldiers. Several thousand
of them have come from the front on
leave. These men, with the large
forces in the home camps and the
thousands in hospitals, are being en-
tertained at dinners, concerts and the-
atres. In every town of the United
Kingdom there is some celebration for
soldiers and sailors.

More than 1,500,000 packages have
been sent to soldiers on the continent.
Six special trains and four channel
boats have been employed for the last
week to carry the army mail. The
railway stations of London are crowd-
ed with soldiers, many of them just
from the trenches and covered with
mud. They carry Prussian helmets,
rifles, knapsacks, shells and other sou-
venirs of battle. Committees of men
and women meet these men, feed them
and help them on their way into the
provinces.

Even the German prisoners in Eng-
land are preparing for elaborate
Christmas celebrations. At Donning-
ton Hall, the place of confinement of a
majority of the officers, so many
packages are being received from Ger-
many that the village postoffice has
been compelled to enlarge its staff.
The German officers have made pur-
chases of turkeys, geese, wines and
beer. The German civilians interned
in Alexandra palace in London are
having concerts and theatrical per-
formances.

EXPRESS PEOPLE
SEE PROSPERITY

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Officials of ex-
press companies are thoroughly con-
vinced that the country is prosperous.
Their measure of prosperity, the
volume of transportation business
transacted in the last six months, has
increased to such proportions that
special trains have been run and
thousands of square feet of space ad-
ded to their working quarters. Com-
menting on present conditions and the
enormous quantity of packages car-
ried this year, officials of the express
companies today said the solution of
the increased shipping everywhere is
that people are spending more, as a
result of confidence in the continued
prosperity of the country.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and vicinity.

Unsettled weather tonight; Sunday
probably rain or snow.
Highest temperature, 28; lowest
temperature, 20; temperature at 7 a.
m., 21.
Wind velocity, eight miles.
Humidity, 83.
River stage, 2.03, a rise of .6.
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

YULE SPIRIT IS
HIGH ALL OVER
A HAPPY LAND

Rich and Poor of Nation
Join Hands in Observ-
ing Annual Holiday.

NEW YORK THE CENTER

Country's Greatest Metrop-
olis Enjoys Unprece-
dented Festivities.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 25.—The
president and Mrs. Wilson spent
Christmas day quietly and planned
to dine in their suite at 7 o'clock
this evening, after a motor drive.

New York, Dec. 25.—New York cele-
brated a joyous and prosperous Christ-
mas with a lavish distribution of gifts
and an unusually large outlay of chari-
ty.

After a display of community trees,
or "trees of light" in various parks
and public centers throughout the city
last night, the day was ushered in with
midnight masses in most of the Cath-
olic churches. This was the first time
in 15 years that midnight mass was
celebrated. It is estimated that one
million persons took part in the
masses.

Jackies Feed Kiddies.

Baskets of food were distributed to
20,000 persons by the Salvation Army
and the Volunteers of America. An un-
usual incident of the celebration was
the dinner given by the crew of the
battleship New York to 100 boys and
girls who otherwise would have had
no Christmas dinner. The sailors wel-
comed the children on board the
dreadnought at the New York Navy
yard and one of them in Santa Claus
guise presented each guest with toys.
Dinner was served on the battleship's
gun deck after which the sailors en-
tertained the children with dancing,
music and moving pictures. Santa
Claus brought a pair of shoes for ev-
ery boy and girl, dolls for the girls
and boy scout suits for the boys.

Through the financial district the
employees of stock exchanges, banks
and other financial institutions were
made happy by gifts amounting to
nearly a million dollars. The New
York stock exchange had distributed
among its employees from one to five
per cent of the yearly salaries as
Christmas presents. Six thousand em-
ployees of the Brooklyn Transit com-
pany rejoiced over the announcement
of increases in pay beginning Jan. 1
and aggregating \$250,000 a year.

Celebrate at White House.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Christmas
festivities at the White house today
were devoted largely to the entertain-
ment of President Wilson's grand children,
little Miss Ellen McAdoo, Master
Francis Sayre and Miss Josephine
Cathron, a grand niece of 12 years.
H. H. Hoover, chief usher at the White
house, played Santa Claus in the ab-
sence of the president. A large Christ-
mas tree in the library on the second
floor of the White house was elabo-
rately decorated with mysterious pack-
ages. Although the president was
away there were presents and good
wishes from him for the youngsters
and the grown-ups, too.

The White house festivities will be
rounded out with a dinner for the fam-
ily group in the state dining room this
evening.

Ring Bells at Midnight.

Denver, Col., Dec. 25.—Throughout
the Rocky mountain region, urban and
rural residents joined in the celebra-
tion of Christmas day. In Denver the
holiday was ushered in at midnight by
the ringing of church bells.

At Colorado Springs a feature of the
celebration was a Christmas tree in
one of the parks bearing trays of ed-
ibles for the birds.

The festivities at El Paso, Texas,
were opened last night with a chorus
of 200 United States soldiers staging
Christmas carols and hymns accom-
panied by massed military bands. Gifts
of clothing, toys and other articles
were distributed from the municipal
tree to 1,300 children, mostly members
of refugee Mexican families.

Carranza Gives Poor Free Rent.

Mexico City, Dec. 25.—Free rent for
a year for impoverished widows of
Carranza soldiers is a philanthropy
which the new government has under-
taken. Two hundred such homes have
been established by the decree of Gen-
eral Sanchez, chief of the second di-
vision of the west, according to advices
here today. To accomplish this many
houses have been commandeered. Doc-
umentary evidence that the husband
was killed in a campaign is required.

Tell Plan of
Rich Man to
Pay Children

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 25.—The 40,000
or more school children who will re-
ceive their deposits in the closed
Pittsburgh bank for savings under
the plan of Henry C. Frick to take
over their accounts as announced last
night will not be permitted to appear
at the banking house when the money
is paid. Instead it is planned that
when the schools reopen after the
Christmas holidays every one of the
122 schools whose pupils are deposi-
tors will temporarily become a dis-
bursing point.

The Pittsburgh Bank for Savings
building is in the heart of the finan-
cial district and it was argued that if
thousands of children were allowed to
go to the bank, foreigners and others
might misunderstand the situation
and precipitate runs on some of the
other banks in the immediate neigh-
borhood.

JUDGE TO DECIDE
DIRECTORS' FATE

New York, Dec. 25.—At the conclu-
sion yesterday of arguments on mo-
tions to dismiss the case against them,
the fate of William Rockefeller and
ten other former directors of the New
York, New Haven and Hartford rail-
road, charged with conspiracy to mon-
opolize commerce, was placed in the
hands of Judge Hunt. He has power
to dismiss the indictments against all
the defendants as nothing has been
sustained by the government's evi-
dence, or to direct a verdict of acquit-
tal against any of them individually.
He announced that he would render
his decision next Tuesday. Meantime
the court takes a holiday recess.

CHANGES MADE IN
BRITISH EMBARGO

Washington, Dec. 25.—The American
consul general at London notified the
state department today of the follow-
ing changes in the British export em-
bargo:

Bismuth pig iron, iron and steel
smelting scraps, prohibited to all des-
tinations; bicarbonate of soda, bladders,
cavities and sausage skins, colchicum
and its preparation, solid drawn steel
tubes, wireless telegraph, prohibited
except to British possessions; material
for telegraph and telephone, vegetable
shoes, and yarn made therefrom, not
including linen threads, prohibited
to all countries in Europe.

Norway has placed an embargo on
the export of rubber cement and sar-
dines preserved in oil.

ENGLAND TO CITE
EDICT OF HAGUE

London, Dec. 25. (6:10 p. m.)—In re-
plying to the Swedish government's
protest against the seizure of parcel
post packages sent from the United
States to Sweden, the British govern-
ment will cite the action of the 1907
conference at The Hague. A resolu-
tion, which was moved by a German
delegate and adopted unanimously,
excluded the parcel post from the pro-
tection given by the same conference
to the letter post. This resolution was
concluded in by the Swedish delegate.
Under the resolution, first class mail
was granted immunity from seizure on
the high seas, but the parcel post was
excluded expressly from such immu-
nity.

PLAYING SANTA MAN
IS SEVERELY INJURED

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 24.—Lewis N.
Wiggins, prominent business man, was
severely injured while playing Santa
Claus to the children of the city here
today.

Mr. Wiggins, cooped in the chimney
of a cabin mounted on an automobile
truck was driving about the city, con-
veyed by a crowd of dancing children,
when he struck his head while going
under a viaduct.

TEUTS BOMBARD
LINES OF ALLIES

Paris, Dec. 25. (5:15 a. m.)—The
Athena correspondent of the Journal
telegraphs under Friday's date that the
German artillery on the banks of Lake
Doiran in Macedonia about forty miles
northwest of Saloniki, are bombarding
the Anglo-French lines, which the al-
lied troops are continuing to fortify.

CHINA TROOPS
JOIN BANDITS
FOR UPRISING

Government Soldiers Aid the
Revolutionists They Were
Sent to Subdue.

BAND NUMBER 3,000

Rebels Declare Province of
Yun Nan an Independent
—Conditions Unsettled

Peking, Dec. 25. (7 p. m.)—The gov-
ernment troops in the province of
Yun Nan have joined the revolution-
ists under Tsai Ao, who has declared
the province independent and guaran-
teed the safety of foreigners.

The revolutionary forces now num-
ber 3,000.

Conditions in the province of Kwet
Chow are unsettled, but disaffections
have not been reported in the other
southern provinces.

A revolutionary movement under
the leadership of Tsai Ao, formerly
military governor of Yun Nan, has
started.

The Chinese government has sent
20,000 soldiers to quell the revolt.

The troops have been sent from
Sze-Chuen province in western China
bordering on Tibet. The uprising
started at Yuan Nantu in Yunnan
province.

Tsai Ao is a bitter opponent of the
monarchy which is to be restored.

The government troops of Yunnan
province have not joined the revolt,
the latest advice indicating that they
are still loyal. The neighboring
provinces are not affected.

Five Provinces Revolt?

Announcement from Peking of the
outbreak of a revolutionary movement
in Yunnan province follows shortly
the receipt of private reports that five
Chinese provinces, including Yunnan,
had declared their independence of the
rule of Yuan Shi Kai. The other prov-
inces were Kwantung, Kiangsi, Kweichow,
and Sze-Chuen.

It is from the last named province,
today's dispatches state, troops have
been sent into Yunnan, which lies just
to the south of Sze-Chuen and is the
southwesternmost province of China.
The area of Yunnan is about 145,500
square miles and it has a population
estimated at 12,000,000.

Protest by Entente Powers.

When the movement to have China
revert to a monarchy began to gain
headway the entente powers made
representations to Peking asking that
there be no change in the form of gov-
ernment during the war because of
the possibility that it might lead to
uprisings and endanger the peace of
the orient.

The Chinese government, however,
replied to the representations of Japan
and the other powers that it was con-
fident of its ability to handle the in-
ternal situation, the powers being as-
sured, however, that the monarchy
would not be instituted during the
present year.

There were disorders at Shanghai
this month when a warship was seized
by the rebels and rioting occurred in
various parts of the city.

FOR TRIPLE MURDER
SENTENCE MAN HELD

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 25.—Fred
Wing, formerly of Decatur, Ill., was
sentenced to 10 years in the state pris-
on in the Wyandotte county district
court yesterday for killing his mother-
in-law, Mrs. John M. Crisp, June 14
last. Wing was charged also with
shooting his wife and killing his wife's
father at the same time. These
charges will be dropped.

CARRANZA TROOPS
TO GO THROUGH U. S.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Permission
was given today for 3,000 more Car-
ranza troops to pass through the United
States on their way from Agua
Prieta to Juarez. They go to strength-
en the garrison in the former Villa
stronghold and suppress disorders, as
well as to take part in the campaign
in the south.

Red Cross to Mexico.

New York, Dec. 25.—The executive
committee of the American Red Cross
announced today, after a meeting here,
that the organization is prepared to
send a corps of physicians and nurses
to aid the Mexican authorities in
stamping out typhus fever. The meet-
ing was presided over by former Presi-
dent William H. Taft.

Robert W. De Forest, vice president
of the Red Cross, said the prevalence
of typhus fever in Mexico is serious.